As illustrated in the schematic in FIG. 1, the present invention includes a system

10 (computer, webpages, online devices, interactive television; page 2, lines 15-17; page 14, lines 2-3) for searching a computer network (the Internet and web page on the Internet, interactive television environment; page 1, line 1; page 2, line 15; page 14, lines 2-3) for a product (search engine finds brands and products; page 2, lines 11-12) associated with a brand name, with the system 10 including an online device 12 (online "devise" (sic) = online device; page 2, lines 16-18) for accessing a portal 14 (webpage on the Internet; page 2, line 16) to a predetermined website (www.shopbybrands.com; page 4, line 3) on the computer network 16, such as the Internet or an online service (website with Internet URL; page 4, line 3), and for receiving from a user an inputted query message 18 (user types or inputs data; page 2, line 17) into the online device 12, in which the query message approximates a brand name (approximation is supported since misspellings of brand or company name taken into account; page 2, lines 8-9; page 14, lines 5-6), and in which the brand name is selected from the group consisting of a company name of a desired company and a product line name of a specific product line (brand name or product in a product line; page 2, lines 4-12). The system 10 also includes means 20 associated with the website for searching only a plurality 22 of brand names (page 14, lines 7-8) for a first match of the query message with a matching brand name (page 14, lines 7-8). The online device 12 outputs a first uniform resource locator (URL) address 24 (page 14, lines 12-13) associated with the matching brand name. The online device 12, responsive to the first URL address 24, accesses an Internet-based website 26 (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11) using the first URL address 24 associated with the matching brand name. The online device 12 may be a computer and/or an interactive television (page 14, lines 2-3).

As illustrated in the flowchart in FIG. 2, the present invention also includes a [0051] method 28 (page 2, lines 15-19), using the system 10 and components thereof (computer, webpages, online devices, interactive television; page 2, lines 15-17; page 14, lines 2-3) in FIG. 1, for searching the computer network 16 (page 2, line 15) for a product associated with a brand name (page 2, line 11), with the method having the steps of: inputting (page 2, line 17) in step 30 the query message 18 (user types or inputs data; page 2, line 17) into the online device 12 accessing the portal 14 (webpage on the Internet; page 2, line 16) to the predetermined website (www.shopbybrands.com; page 4, line 3), in which the query message approximates the brand name associated with the product (approximation is supported since misspellings of brand or company name taken into account; page 2, lines 8-9; page 14, lines 5-6), and in which the brand name is selected from the group consisting of a company name of a desired company and a product line name of a specific product line (brand name or product in a product line; page 2, lines 4-12); searching in step 32 only the plurality 22 of brand names (page 14, lines 7-8) for a first match of the query message 18 with a matching brand name (page 14, lines 7-8); and outputting in step 34 the first URL address 24 (page 14, lines 12-13) associated with the matching brand name. The method may also include the step 36 of accessing an Internet-based website using the first URL address 24 associated with the matching brand name (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11). The method 28 may be performed using the online device 12 which includes a computer and/or an interactive television (page 14, lines 2-3).

3. (previously presented) A method for searching a computer network (the Internet and web page on the Internet, interactive television environment; page 1, line 1; page 2, line 15; page 14, lines 2-3) for a product associated with a brand name (search engine finds brands and products; page 2, lines 11-12), the method comprising the steps of:

inputs data; page 2, line 17) accessing a portal (webpage on the Internet; page 2, line 16) to a predetermined website (www.shopbybrands.com; page 4, line 3), wherein the query message approximates the brand name associated with the product (approximation is supported since misspellings of brand or company name taken into account; page 2, lines 8-9; page 14, lines 5-6);

searching a plurality of brand names (page 14, lines 7-8) for a first match of the query message with a matching brand name (page 14, lines 7-8); and

outputting a first uniform resource locator (URL) address (page 14, lines 12-13) associated with the matching brand name and providing information about the product (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11).

- 4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the brand name is selected from the group consisting of a company name of a desired company and a product line name of a specific product line (brand name or product in a product line; page 2, lines 4-12).
- 5. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the online device is computer (computer, webpages, online devices; page 2, lines 15-17).

- 6. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the online device is an interactive television (interactive television; page 14, lines 2-3).
- 7. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:

accessing an Internet-based website using the first URL address associated with the matching brand name (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11).

- 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the Internet-based website (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11) is distinct from the predetermined website associated with the portal (www.shopbybrands.com; page 4, line 3).
- 9. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of accessing an Internet-based website using the first URL address includes the step of: accessing an enhanced URL page associated with the matching brand name (page 3, lines 18-19).
- 10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the enhanced URL page (page 3, lines 18-19) displays information associated with the matching brand name, with the information being selected from the group consisting of special promotions, store locations, store hours, phone numbers, and current sales (page 3, lines 18-24).

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Internet and web page on the Internet, interactive television environment; page 1, line 1; page 2, line 15; page 14, lines 2-3) for a product associated with a brand name (search engine finds brands and products; page 2, lines 11-12), the method comprising the steps of:

inputs data; page 2, line 17) accessing a portal (webpage on the Internet; page 2, line 16) to a predetermined website (www.shopbybrands.com; page 4, line 3), wherein the query message approximates the brand name associated with the product (approximation is supported since misspellings of brand or company name taken into account; page 2, lines 8-9; page 14, lines 5-6), and wherein the brand name is selected from the group consisting of a company name of a desired company and a product line name of a specific product line (brand name or product in a product line; page 2, lines 4-12);

searching only a plurality of brand names (page 14, lines 7-8) for a first match of the query message with a matching brand name (page 14, lines 7-8); and

outputting a first uniform resource locator (URL) address (page 14, lines 12-13) associated with the matching brand name and providing information about the product (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11).

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of:

accessing an Internet-based website using the first URL address associated with the matching brand name (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11).

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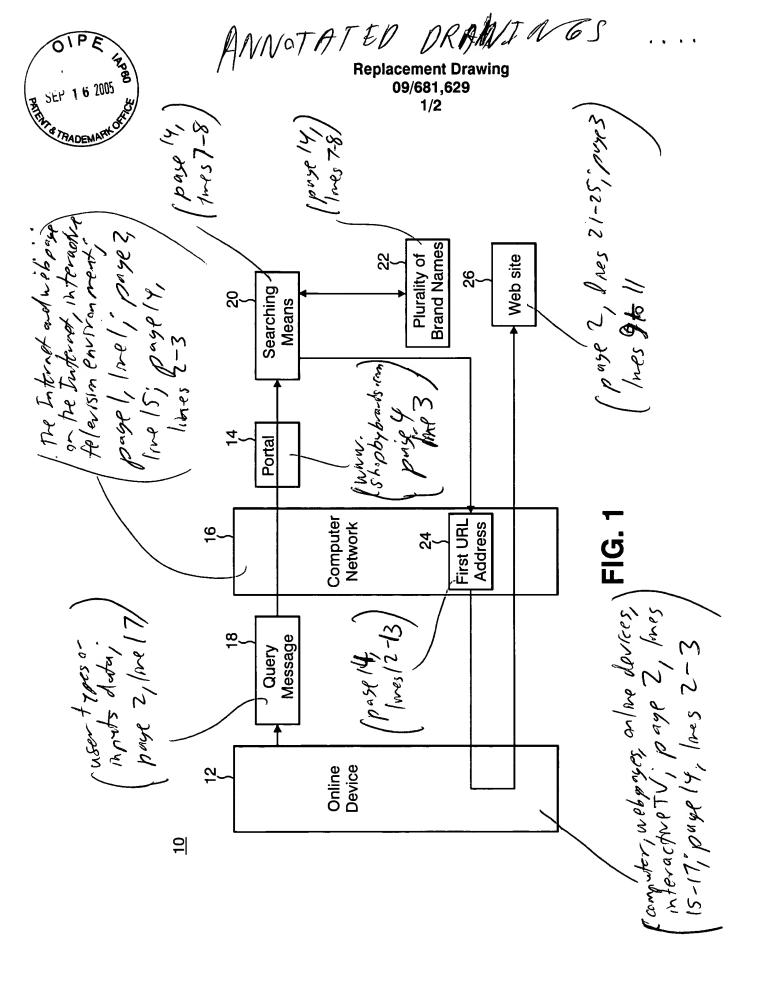
- 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the online device is computer (computer, webpages, online devices; page 2, lines 15-17).
- 14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the online device is an interactive television (interactive television; page 14, lines 2-3).
- 15. (previously presented) A system (the Internet and web page on the Internet, interactive television environment; page 1, line 1; page 2, line 15; page 14, lines 2-3) for searching a computer network (the Internet and web page on the Internet, interactive television environment; page 1, line 1; page 2, line 15; page 14, lines 2-3) for a product associated with a brand name (search engine finds brands and products; page 2, lines 11-12), the system comprising:

an online device (online device; page 2, lines 16-17) for accessing a portal (webpage on the Internet; page 2, line 16) to a predetermined website (www.shopbybrands.com; page 4, line 3) and for receiving from a user an inputted query message into the online device (user types or inputs data to an online device; page 2, lines 16-17), wherein the query message approximates a brand name (approximation is supported since misspellings of brand or company name taken into account; page 2, lines 8-9; page 14, lines 5-6), and wherein the brand name is selected from the group consisting of a company name of a desired company and a product line name of a specific product line (brand name or product in a product line; page 2, lines 4-12); and

means associated with the website for searching only a plurality of brand names (page 14, lines 7-8) for a first match of the query message with a matching brand name;

wherein the online device outputs a first uniform resource locator (URL) address (page 14, lines 12-13) associated with the matching brand name and providing information about the product (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11).

- 16. (previously presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the online device, responsive to the first URL address, accesses an Internet-based website using the first URL address associated with the matching brand name (page 2, lines 21-25; page 3, lines 9-11).
- 17. (previously presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the online device is computer (computer, webpages, online devices; page 2, lines 15-17).
- 18. (previously presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the online device is an interactive television (interactive television; page 14, lines 2-3).



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FIG. 2